

A SCRAP FROM FRENCH HISTORY.

The Last Days of Madame Royale. The following is the conclusion of a lengthy article in the St. James Magazine, entitled "Recollections of Madame Royale, daughter of Queen Marie Antoinette."

In the prison of the Temple the orphan daughter of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette was abandoned to her fate. She was scarcely sixteen years of age, but she had already learned the lesson of resignation and resignation with resignation, though the arguments of suspense to which she was subjected defied her powers of silence when upon some and far beyond occasions the municipal authorities of the prison entered her cell on a visit of inspection.

"Tell me of my mother," she would then inquire, in tones of agony. "Tell me of my mother! Tell me of my mother! It is frightful, but at last one day exclaimed, "It is to be expected from my mother for just reward, and I am not far removed as if seas and mountains separated them, she still her brother, he being married by slow degrees, and a solitary captive like herself. Through her barred windows she saw the day-dreams of the past, and she thought, until at last, by counting them, she knew that her birthday had come round again.

What a hope at that time for this princess, who knew that her father had fallen a victim to the guillotine, and who knew also that under the same prison roof with her, though far removed as if seas and mountains separated them, she still her brother, he being married by slow degrees, and a solitary captive like herself. Through her barred windows she saw the day-dreams of the past, and she thought, until at last, by counting them, she knew that her birthday had come round again.

But that was the day of her deliverance from the Temple. She was to be sent forth beyond the frontiers of France, and then (in an exchange of prisoners) to Vienna, there to claim a shelter from strangers, for such personally were her maternal kinsfolk to her. Yes, after six months of absolute seclusion from her fellow-creatures, she was to be set at liberty. But what charm had liberty now to her? For alas! it had been told to her at last that all those who had made life most dear to her were dead. Her father, her mother, her brother, her sister, all were dead. It was possible for her to certify whether the first playmate of her childhood, the Duc d'Angouleme, still survived. She was a child when she entered her prison; she was a woman, and a sorrowing woman, when she left it. Ere crossing the threshold, she had seen the four dreary walls of the cell, where so long un- seen by human eye, she had suffered torments, and upon it she wrote, "Oh, my God! Forgive those who caused the death of my parents."

Upon the 9th day of January, 1793, Madame Royale arrived at the Inn at the Duchesse de Saxe, where she was clothed in deepest mourning, and when, after some weeks of seclusion, she appeared in the midst of the Court as a member of the Imperial family of Austria, it was as though a pale vision of what her mother was. Madame Royale had retained a countenance of Madame Royale herself, her new abode was replete with recollections of that mother, for traditions of the early youth of Marie Antoinette before her marriage still lingered there. There, too, the grandmothers and grandmothers of Madame Royale had retained supreme, and although sixteen years had elapsed since the death of that great Empress, Vienna was still rich in memories of Maria Theresa.

Francis II (son of the late Emperor Leopold) reigned over Austria, and his daughter, the Archduchess Marie Louise, had inherited a legacy from her aunt, the Duchesse de Saxe, which, now restored to her, prevented her being in a state of absolute dependence on her maternal kinsfolk. A household was formed for her on the banks of the Danube, and the Archduchess of Austria, and in time it was reported that the Emperor and Empress desired to wed her to her cousin, the Archduke Charles. But whatever pang of regret the refusal caused her, the orphan princess resolutely declined to acquiesce in this proposal for the King of the Danube, the Archduchess was still alive, and she remembered that, by the express wish of her martyred parents, she was betrothed to him. Personally he had become a stranger to her, and many years of sorrow had elapsed since he had been her playmate, and she remembered that, by the express wish of her martyred parents, she was betrothed to him. Personally he had become a stranger to her, and many years of sorrow had elapsed since he had been her playmate, and she remembered that, by the express wish of her martyred parents, she was betrothed to him.

And when the Duc d'Angouleme at length became master of the situation, he too had memories more than sufficient to impart an air of solemnity to their meeting after so many years of separation. For Madame Royale resembled her mother, Queen Marie Antoinette, in face, and form, and dignified grace of manner, and she was ready to yield to the tears which were shed by her by the misfortunes of that mother, one of whose great charms, at the time when the Duc d'Angouleme could best remember her, lay in brilliant animation.

The Duc d'Angouleme, however, though a prince, had himself contracted some of those morbid tastes during his long exile, and the seriousness which, resulting from early sorrow, characterized the beauty of Madame Royale, was in harmony with his disposition. In the presence of their uncle, Louis XVIII, the childless and exiled King of France, and in presence too of French proscribed royals, who looked from all parts of Europe to witness the ceremony, by which it was hoped that future generations of French kings would be continued, were they crown a crown of roses, I would give to you," said Louis XVIII to the bride and bridegroom: "but it is a crown of thorns," he added, "and so I keep it." Upon that summer day, when the Duc d'Angouleme and Marie Louise were crowned, the Duc d'Angouleme stood side by side.

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